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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of : P. Toomey
Application No. : 10/075,728
Filed : February 12, 2002
Examiner: : Albert J. Gagliardi
Group Art Unit : 2878
For : METHODS OF DETECTING PRESENCE OF WATER
IN STRUCTURE BASED ON THE PRINCIPLE OF LUMINESCENCE

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Attn: Examiner Gagliardi:

In response to the Office Action mailed on November 20, 2002, please grant a one month extension of time for the designated small-entity fee of \$55, making this response due on March 20, 2002. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph on page 17, beginning at line 5, with the following:

A relatively specific embodiment of the method for determining whether water is present in a structure begins in step S1 of Fig. 5A. In step S2, at least one exposure wavelength is determined to be one that is significantly absorbed by water and not significantly absorbed by the material composing the structure. By way of example and not limitation, the exposure

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